

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. DE 103 50 567.9 filed October 30, 2003. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2004/002397 filed October 28, 2004. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--An oil wiping ring for internal combustion engines is known from DE 198 08 483 A1, in which slits are disposed, distributed over the circumference, in order to improve its flexibility, which slits extend axially through the entire ring cross-section and form oil outflow openings. A disadvantage in the case of oil wiping ~~ring~~ rings formed from sheet metal is the risk of garland formation as a result of the slits made in the ring.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It has furthermore been shown that a very good contact of the working surface 13 of the oil wiping ring 10 on the cylinder wall is also guaranteed by means of a phase shift that amounts to between  $170^{\circ}$  and  $190^{\circ}$ , whereby the number of waves of the upper and lower ring wall should preferably be the same, but also does not represent any restriction of the invention. A number of waves between 20 and 50 with reference to the circumference of the oil wiping ring 10 ~~show~~ shows good results with regard to the contact behavior.--

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

--The face surfaces 12b and 12c of the upper and lower ring wall 11a, 11b ~~shows~~ show a wave amplitude, according to the invention, that corresponds to at least half the diameter of the screw-shaped spring M. In this way, the result is achieved that a specific tangential force of the oil wiping ring is achieved, which does not exceed an undesirable friction power. In this embodiment, the screw-shaped spring M rests against the root - in other words the vertex -